

Wethersfield Advisory Parks and Recreation Board
Harbor Management Commission
Minutes – Thursday, August 27, 2015

The meeting was held at Town Hall and called to order by Chairperson Thomas Ragonese at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Thomas Ragonese, William Derech, Richard Lepore, and Daniel Silbo. Also present were Charles Forsdick, Harbormaster, and Salvatore Cucia, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department.

A. Public Comments.

None.

B. Minutes – July 23, 2015.

Dan Silbo moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Derech and approved unanimously.

C. Monthly Report – July 2015.

Board members reviewed the monthly report. Chairperson Tom Ragonese commented that he received the brochure through the Rare Reminder and was pleased with the outcome. Sal Cucia indicated the programs were also listed on line on the department's website.

D. Letters and Announcements.

Mill Woods Swimming Pond closed for the season on Friday, August 14th and Willard Pool closed on Friday, August 21st. Sal Cucia reported the annual Dog Swim was held at Mill Woods on August 15th. It was a successful event attracting some 200 dogs. Any revenue collected for the event goes towards maintenance of the Dog Park.

E. Old Business

1. Cove Boat Launching Fees.

Board members indicated they would begin reviewing the fees when the new docks were in place, which is anticipated to occur shortly. Chairperson Tom Ragonese asked that the Cove boat launching fees be placed on the September agenda to begin the review process.

F. New Business.

None.

G. Board Member Comments.

1. Vendor on State Street.

Rich Lepore inquired about whether or not a vendor situated on the grass by the DMV was on town property, and if so, had they obtained permission to serve food there. He also inquired if the town receives any money from the vendor. Sal Cucia stated that he will investigate.

H. Harbor Management Commission.

1. Cove Dock Project.

Charles Forsdick reported that the installation of the docks began on Monday, August 24th. An inspection for substantial completion is Friday, August 28th. The project has moved along very well and he is very pleased with the outcome. Project is anticipated to be completed the following week.

2. Harbormaster Report.

Charles Forsdick reviewed his August report with the board. He indicated all of the new (50) moorings are now up and that those boats with moorings have been reassigned. Once the docks are completed, the tender cleats will also be transferred over. Channel markers are scheduled to be completely installed by Tuesday, September 1st. The old docks will be taken down at the end of this season, with the best sections salvaged to create an entirely new fishing dock for next year. The location is yet to be determined. He is continually pursuing a Deputy Harbor Master. He indicated he does not have access to a boat and suggested that possible funding for a new boat could come from any savings that occur from the project. Chairperson Tom Ragonese asked for a report on the balance of the account at the next meeting.

I. Motion to Adjourn.

Rich Lepore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Dan Silbo and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Salvatore Cucia, Assistant Director